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PRESS INTEREST IS INTENSE. EMBASSY IS USING THE FOLLOWING IN DEALING WITH THE RESIDENT FOREIGN PRESS

CORPS:

O: WHAT IS THE LATEST ON DAI DING? THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT AMBASSADOR ROY WOULD BE FOLLOWING UP. WHAT TOOK PLACE, IF ANYTHING?

A: THE AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT DAI DING HAS NOT BEEN ARRESTED AND IS FREE. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THIS THROUGH DIRECT CONTACT WITH HER.

O. WHAT COMMENT DOES THE EMBASSY HAVE ON DAT GING'S DETENTION?

AS THE SECRETARY MADE PLAIN AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, YESTERDAY, THAT WOULD BE DISTRESSING NEWS IF TRUE.

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